GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5464
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY ENTRANCE EXAM
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDA entrance examination is held only in English and not in any other Indian language;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to consider holding of this premier examination for armed forces at least in Hindi also; and

(d) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5464 29.8.2001

In National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission the question papers are printed only in English. The question papers for the examination are of objective type (multiple choice) and the process of answering the same does not involve use of any language medium.

Union Public Service Commission conduct the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination for admission to various Defence Academies strictly as per the notice for the examination which is finalized in consultation with the Ministry of Defence.The question of introduction of Hindi and other languages included in the 8th schedule of the constitution as medium of various examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission including NDA examination was considered by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee appointed by the UPSC.Efforts are on to arrive at a consensus on this sensitive issue, based on the recommendations of the Committee.